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FINANCE
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FDI IN INFRASTRUCTURE
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any step for the development of infrastructure in some States with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);

(b) whether any steps have been taken in that regard in the State of Karnataka during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the investment made on the development of infrastructure in that State during the above period ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a): Government have taken far reaching measures for inviting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Infrastructure Sector. Most of the Infrastructure sectors like Power, Refinery, Roads & Highways, Ports & Harbours are placed under Automatic Route, requiring no prior Government approval and allowing FDI upto 100%. Investment policy in sectors like Telecommunication, Civil Aviation, Metro Railways & Township Development have also been liberalised.

(b): The above liberalised policy is applicable to the State of Karnataka also. Karnataka attracts fourth largest amount of FDI in the country.

(c): The approved FDI in Infrastructure Sector in Karnataka from January`1998 to December` 2000is Rs.4808.14 crores which is 41.31% of the total FDI approved for Karnataka.